

This Document can be made available
in alternative formats upon request

State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-SIXTH
SESSION

HOUSE FILE No. **1253**

March 2, 2009

Authored by Abeler and Scalze

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Care and Human Services Policy and Oversight

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; allowing managed care plans and county-based
1.3 purchasing plans to offer supplemental health plans to MinnesotaCare enrollees;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256B.69, by adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256B.69, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 29. **Expanded inpatient hospital benefit limit for MinnesotaCare.** (a)
1.9 Managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans may offer, to MinnesotaCare
1.10 enrollees to whom they provide services under this section or section 256B.692, one or
1.11 more supplemental health plans that offer as their only benefit inpatient hospital coverage
1.12 with an annual inpatient hospital benefit limit that exceeds the limit specified in section
1.13 256L.03, subdivision 3. Supplemental health plans offered under this subdivision must
1.14 count MinnesotaCare program expenditures for inpatient hospital services and any
1.15 enrollee coinsurance obligation for inpatient hospital services toward the supplemental
1.16 health plan's deductible.

1.17 (b) A managed care plan or county-based purchasing plan that chooses to offer
1.18 expanded coverage under this subdivision shall set premiums for this expanded coverage
1.19 on a full community-rated basis for its MinnesotaCare enrollees, and MinnesotaCare
1.20 enrollees shall be responsible for the full premium amount for the expanded coverage,
1.21 without any subsidy from the MinnesotaCare program. A MinnesotaCare enrollee who
1.22 purchases expanded coverage must pay the additional premium for the expanded coverage
1.23 to the commissioner in the same manner as premiums for regular MinnesotaCare coverage

2.1 are paid under chapter 256L, and the commissioner shall transfer premiums for expanded
2.2 coverage to the appropriate managed care or county-based purchasing plan.

2.3 (c) The purchase of expanded coverage under this subdivision shall not affect an
2.4 enrollee's regular MinnesotaCare coverage and premiums under chapter 256L. Expanded
2.5 coverage purchased under this subdivision shall not be considered "health coverage" for
2.6 purposes of the no other health coverage and four-month requirements in section 256L.07,
2.7 subdivision 3, and shall not be considered "other health coverage" under Minnesota Rules,
2.8 part 9506.0010, subpart 16.